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**SENATOR CREIGHTON ON COMMITTEE PASSAGE OF
SENATE BILL 25 - PHYSICIAN LIABILITY BILL**

Passage a victory for Texas' Pro Life Movement

Austin – Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe), member of the Senate Committee on State Affairs, issued the following statement in regard to today's passage of Senate Bill 25:

"I am grateful for today's discussion on life," said Senator Creighton. "It is deeply disturbing that doctors are under pressure to err on the side of advocating for abortion because of this case law."

Based on legal precedent, doctors could be liable for monetary damages if they recognized abnormalities during pregnancy and yet fail to advocate for termination. Under Texas law, this situation is termed "wrongful birth." Senate Bill 25 protects doctors from the legal pressure to recommend abortion and also maintains a patient's right to hold doctors responsible in any situation of negligence.

"It is discouraging that the courts have punished doctors for doing their jobs and disabled children are the subject of liability cases through no fault of the doctor," concluded Creighton. "Every child is precious and deserving of our protection."

In addition to strong backing from 18 Senate coauthors, Senator Creighton's SB 25 also has the support of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

"I commend Sen. Creighton for filing this important legislation, said Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. "The Texas Senate values the life of every child and will fight to protect the value and dignity of every life including those born with disabilities."

Senate Bill 25 was voted out of committee with a vote of 9-0. The bill will be eligible to be heard on the floor after the 60th day of Session.

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.